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## New Jersey's electronic Patient Care Reporting (ePCR) Program

EMS data collection in New Jersey began in April 2006 as a NJDOH pilot program. Utilizing EMS Charts®, a web-based application, electronic Patient Care Reporting (ePCR) quickly took the place of traditional paper patient care report. The goal of ePCR was to reduce the potential for medical errors, provide a snapshot of past medical history and medications; improve the timeliness, accuracy, completeness, uniformity, integration and accessibility of data to identify priorities to protect the health and safety of the citizens of New Jersey.

The benefits and value of ePCR implementation by EMS are realized by both local EMS providers and the State. Reporting of data requires less time on task, electronic data is less prone to errors, and collection costs are lower than manual data collection. Interest in the ePCR program continues to grow among New Jersey EMS agencies.

The Department has decided to continue to provide ePCR software solution through Image Trend to EMS providers at no cost. The Image Trend ePCR can be customized to suit your agency's needs.

Detailed information about registering, training, implementation and frequently asked questions with Image Trend's ePCR system will be posted to the DOH/OEMS website (http://www.state.nj.us/health/ems).